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SUBJ: PREMIER DAVIS SEES ONTARIO AS CONTINUING TO REPRESENT
BRIDGE TO QUEBEC

1. TORONTO STAR AUGUST 29 CARRIED FRONT PAGE ARTICLE ON ONTARIO PREMIER WILLIAM DAVIS' PARTICIPATION IN AUGUST 28 "LET'S DISCUSS IT" PROGRAM ON TORONTO RADIO STATION CFRB, IN WHICH DAVIS EMPHASIZED THAT ONTARIO WAS GOING TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE A "BRIDGE" BETWEEN THE REST OF CANADA AND QUEBEC.
2. DAVIS SAID THAT DESPITE HIS OBJECTIONS TO THE TERMS OF THE SEPARATION REFERENDUM PROPOSED BY THE PQ GOVERNMENT, THERE WERE STILL AREAS WHERE HE AND LEVESQUE CAN "SORT OUT" PROBLEMS. HE FELT THIS OF PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE IN VIEW OF THE GROWING COOLNESS BETWEEN THE QUEBEC AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS. DAVIS SAID THAT HE BELIEVES THE TRADITIONAL COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO PROVINCES MUST CONTINUE "BECAUSE I SENSE THE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN QUEBEC CITY AND THE NATION'S CAPITAL MAY NOT ALWAYS BE THE BEST AND COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC CAN PROVIDE SOMETHING OF A BRIDGE ON SOME OF THE ISSUES."

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3. DAVIS IN HIS RADIO STATEMENTS SUGGESTED THAT LEVESQUE ONLY CAME UP WITH THE RECENT PROPOSAL FOR RECIPROCAL LANGUAGE EDUCATION BASED ON AGREEMENTS WITH THE PROVINCES BECAUSE OF SO MUCH OPPOSITION TO HIS LANGUAGE BILL.
4. PREMIER DAVIS IS TO BE THE GUEST SPEAKER AT THE TORONTO DINNER MARKING THE CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF LEGISLATIVE OMBUDSMEN ON SEPTEMBER 15 ON THE TOPIC OF "NATIONAL UNITY."

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